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NOVEMBER 26, 1947 12:30 P. M.

TOWN HALL CLUB, 123 WEST 43rd STREET, NEW YORK CITY

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GENERAL NICOLAS RADESCU, FORMER PRIME MINISTER, WILL BE PRESENT AND SAY A FEW WORDS IN FRENCH.

GRIGORE NICULESCU-BUZESTI, FORMER MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, WILL SPEAK IN ENGLISH BRIEFLY ON THE FIRST ROUMANIAN GOVERNMENT AFTER THE ARMISTICE. HE WAS MANIU'S APPOINTED SUCCESSOR AND HAS A POLITICAL BACKGROUND IN THE BALKANS OF FORTY YEARS.

ALEXANDER CRETZIANU, FORMER AMBASSADOR TO TURKEY, WHO LEFT EVERYTHING IN ROUMANIA AFTER GROZA WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT IN MARCH 1945, WILL SPEAK IN ENGLISH.

CONSTANTIN VISOIANU, FORMER MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNDER THE RADESCU GOVERNMENT AND A CLOSE COLLABORATOR OF TITULESCU, WILL BE PRESENT.

The above Roumanians have just arrived in the United States from Europe where they fled when they were urged to resign on special instructions from Vishinsky in 1945. Radescu is 73 years old and had been interned in a camp during the war. He says that the same pattern and methods for overthrowing governments who will not cooperate fully with the Russians (he refused to take command of a Russian militia of 100,000 men), and which were used in his country, are being followed one by one to take over the countries of Eastern Europe, during the past months.

LUNCHEON WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY SO PLAN TO ARRIVE BEFORE 12:30 P. M.
QUESTION PERIOD SHOULD BE REVEALING.

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE CLUB ON TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 25, 1947 at 5:30 P.M. in the clubrooms. Individual notices have been sent to all members of the Board.

A TREAT FOR OPC YOUNG STUFF ----- Bring your youngsters on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 27th to the clubrooms where they will have a grand place to see the Macy parade. The parade starts from 77th Street at 10 A.M. so that if you can plan on being at the club from 10:30 to 11:30, you should hit the time just right. The club really has a choice spot for this-- with the long sweep of view up through Times Square.

At a Meeting of the editors of the book on Russia, the deadline was extended to the end of the month but that is the absolute limit of time so PLEASE get in your chapters as soon as possible.

Teddy White, on leave from the New Republic, is editing General Stillwell's diaries . . . Harrison Forman has finished 180,000 words of a political textbook on the China of today.

STRANGER (MEMBER) LOOKING FOR A HOLE IN THE WALL TO WRITE DEATHLESS ROMANCE. (ALL OFFICE IF YOU KNOW OF FREE SPACE.

Bill Downs is now stationed at Station WJR in Detroit, Michigan. WJR is an affiliate of the Columbia Broadcasting System.

Joe Laitin of Reuters is touring South America at the present time.... which reminds us that we have not heard anything from Fred Strozier of the Associated Press who is now stationed in South America.

Edgar Snow of the Saturday Evening Post has recovered from his recent illness and will leave Paris shortly for India.

Two OPC members residing in the Berlin press community ran a close race on Nov. 6th Ed Haaker of NBC and Landrum Bolling of the Overseas News Agency who live directly across the street from each other were routed out of bed for an assignment they were sure no one else would be covering. They arrived within ten minutes of each other--- with their wives--- in the maternity ward. The Bollings got a girl.... and the Haakers also a girl, Margaret Elizabeth.

Ed, incidentally, according to Berlin press history, ran afoul the commanding officer who pulled an inspection on the morning in question. Finding Haaker slouching in a chair in the Expectant Fathers room, the Colonel gave him the devil for improper posture.... Ed, it is reported, gave back as good as he got.... Bolling will be coming home at the beginning of the year for a couple of months lecture tour on Germany.

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Fritz Opper of the American Broadcasting Co. breathed a sigh of relief at his post in London recently as his gal Friday, Doris Hoskins, returned from a short vacation bringing all sorts of necessary eatables, wearables, etc.

Ralph McGill, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, has left for a trip through Germany and Europe.

Bruno Shaw's broadcast over Station WNEW entitled "You Decide" will feature as of last Wednesday the award of a full de luxe set of Encyclopedia Americana to the author of the most interesting topic to be submitted for discussion on the program. The subject is chosen by a special committee. There will be a special arrangement for receiving these subjects in all of the Embassy theatres in New York and they can be sent to Bruno by mail.

THANKS TO IRENE TAYLOR AND WOLFE KAUFMAN FOR DONATIONS OF LIQUOR TO THE CLUB KITTY.

Wythe Williams, a colleague of Will Hayes, repeated a prize story the other day in the clubrooms. Williams said to Hayes one day that a certain producer was out to get him and was most unfriendly. Hayes said "What can be the matter with the man? I never did him a favor."

H. J. Timperley, chief of the research section of the UN Dept. of Information, has left for a vacation to points south after having seen the first issue of the "Yearbook of the United Nations". The volume runs to more than 1,000 outsize pages and it took just three months from first galley to advance copy. How about a copy for the OPC Library, H.J.?

Henry J. Taylor, author and commentator over station WOR, recently wrote to Isaac Don Levine, editor of Plain Talk, to tell him of his satisfaction with the material carried in that magazine.

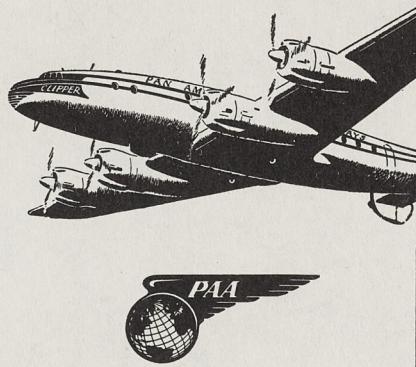
William Philip Simms, writing for Scripps Howard publication from Washington, recently reported that talk at the United Nations forecasts the taking to task of Russia for endangering the peace.... but that this might be an excuse for the Soviets to take a walk.

Jo Davidson was glimpsed in Paris recently by OPC members.

Bertram Perkins, head of European office of Fairchild Publications, attended the luncheon of November 12th on a short trip back to the States. Bert gave us some news of friends of the Club.... Archimbault of the N.Y. Times is in Pretoria, South Africa.... Bill Bird, has decided to take it easy at Tangiers.... Larry Rue is in Frankfurt covering for the Chicago Tribune.... Tex O'Reilly is back in Paris with the Herald Tribune after his survey of U.S. Mallory Browne of the Times has been assigned to the United Nations.

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Don Cook, of the London office of the Herald Tribune, will be coming back to the States at the end of this month for a two months vacation.

Frederick K. Abbott, chairman of the Admissions Committee, announces the names of the following:

ACTIVE:

Elizabeth Fagg. Former Time Bureau Chief in Mexico City from Jan. 1945 to Jan. 1946. Christian Science Monitor, correspondent in Mexico City from Jan. 1943 to Dec. 1944.

Matthew Huttner, free lance writer. May 1943 to October 1945 with Intelligence of the Eighth Air Force during which time he wrote more than fifty articles for national magazines.

Boyd B. Stutler, Managing editor of the American Legion Magazine. Pacific area from Aug. 1944 to Sept. 1945; Australia Sept. 1944 with MacArthur's headquarters, then New Guinea, Philippines, Manila, Borneo, China, Japan, representing American Legion Magazine and other publications.

Barbara Wace, correspondent in the New York office for the Kemsley newspapers. Was correspondent for the Associated Press from March 1943 to August 1947 in London, served as AP war correspondent in Normandy, Brittany, Germany and Norway.

ASSOCIATE:

Mrs. Violet Price, Time, Inc. Stationed in Cairo as correspondent for Time Life International from Nov. 1946 to October 1947.

Ed Murrow of CBS left for London to cover the royal wedding and the Council of Foreign Ministers. He was to be the pool voice of one hour straight broadcasting from Westminster Abbey.

Bob Trout, formerly of Columbia Broadcasting Co. has joined the staff of the National Broadcasting Co.

Red Mueller of NBC London has been busy getting ready for the broadcasts of the royal wedding and the Council of Foreign Ministers--- but he is at present laid up with the flu.

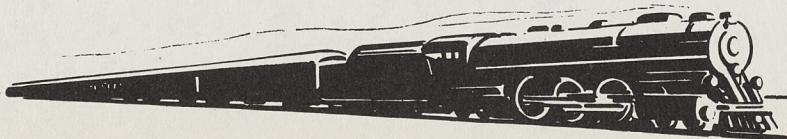
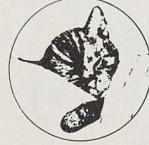
Gault MacGowan, writing in the New York Sun of Nov. 13th from the Russian border zone of Germany, reports that the Russians are considering a no man's land of a three mile stretch around the borders of the Soviet zone of Germany.

Russell Hill, one of the four reporters to write the N.Y. Herald Tribune series "Behind the Iron Curtain", is an OPC member cited for commendation by the Silurians, a society composed of veteran newspaper men or former newspaper men, at their annual dinner on November 15th at the New York Athletic Club.

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Sigrid Schultz, reported to be back from her recent trip to Germany, is the author of the lead article in the Nov. 8th issue of Collier's in which Sigrid says that camouflaged Nazis still plan world conquest and more cunningly than Hitler. This article is the first of two.

Sonia Tomara, recently returned from Europe, told the International Relations Committee of the Business and Professional Womens' Club of New York that the Marshall Plan seems to scare the Russians who are stepping up riots and strikes in France and Italy as quickly as possible before the Marshall aid can arrive.

Pat Frank has an amusing fiction story in the November 16th issue of This Week magazine.

In the same issue, Emile Schurmacher writes a saga of the steeplejacks entitled "You Can Only Slip Once."

Oriana Atkinson reviewed for the New York Times Book Review of November 16th the new book on Russia by the Dean of Canterbury in which she says that the churchman held out both hands to Russia in friendship and was not rebuffed.

Orville Anderson, press attache of the American Embassy in Rome, is in the States on a leave of absence.

Bill Reed, president of Ross Federal Research, directed two public opinion surveys recently. One was about the public's gift buying plans for NJ, the national Jewelry monthly and the other was a study of prices for the November issue of "Modern Industry" Magazine.

Members and guests of the club numbered ninety at the luncheon of November 12th to hear Bob Capa, (author of "Slightly Out of Focus"), who recently returned from Russia. Glimpsed around were Ned Buddy of Warner Pathé; Rita Vandivert of Magnus Films; Bert Perkins of Fairchild; Clifton Daniel of the New York Times. Janet Flanner, guest of Bee Mathieu of the New Yorker; Johnny McTigue of ABC; Theo Findahl; Eric Bergh, etc. Helen Kirkpatrick attended although she left a day later to cover the Council of Foreign Ministers in London, for the Post. Mrs. Henry Noble Hall won the jackpot of the book written by the speaker.

Capa said that he never knew what kind of speech he would make.... you pour in one drink and then wait to see what comes out.... Capa said that he regretted that many correspondents doing special stories cable hot news and then are thrown out of a country. This situation makes it doubly hard for the correspondents who are permanently stationed in that country.

Bob felt that correspondents should censor themselves first of all and be sure that all of a story is true. Asked whether the Voice of America was heard in Russia, Capa thought that he probably was not. He said that correspondents are pretty well restricted to the Metropole and three or four nightclubs which get pretty dull after a while. Capa said that Eddy Gilmore who has a Russian wife attends music circles where there are Russians but that for the most part American correspondents are limited to diplomats, maids and secretaries. Capa said that Russia wants peace. Asked whether he could bring much material out with him, Capa said that his films had been closely inspected and some which he considered his best films were censored.

Harold Stasen's book "Where I Stand" was the second jackpot of the day.... which reminds us that the book "Paris Herald" by Al Laney was won by George Moorad at the dinner of November fifth.

Hester E. Hensell, Editor.

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